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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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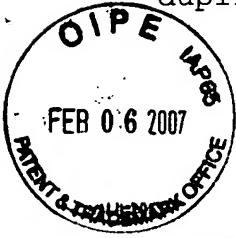
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Applicants hereby respectfully petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time to respond to the Office Action/Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 05152006) dated December 18, 2006 for a period of one (1) month from January 18, 2007 to and including February 19, 2007.

Attached hereto is a responsive amendment and our check payable to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks in the amount of \$ 60.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

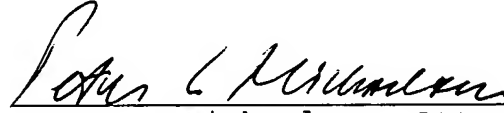
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Respectfully submitted,

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